GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:76
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SETTING UP OF BENCHES OF SUPREME COURT
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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has forwarded a proposal to setup 4 (four) more Supreme Court Berches for the consideration of the Supreme Court;

(b) whether the Supreme Court has accepted the proposal;

(c) if soT the details thereof?

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) The details of further action proposed in the matter?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ)

(a), (b), (c), (d),&(e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement in reply to parts (a), (b), (c), fd) & (e) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 76 dated 2nd March. 2007
Representations have been received from time to time from various sources for setting up of Benches of the Supreme Court outside Delhi. Further, the Department-Reiated Parliamentary Committee on Home Affairs concerning Department of Justice on the Demands for Grants in its 56th, 61st and 101st reports for the years 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2003-2004 respectively and the 6th Report of the Department-Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law & Justice on Demands for-Grants. 2005-2006 of the Ministry of Law & Justice have recommended setting up of the Benches of Supreme Court outside Delhi.According to article 130 of the Constitution, ` the Supreme Court shall sit in Delhi or in such other piace or places as the Chief Justice of India may, with the approval of the President, from time to time, appoint.` However the Chief Justice of the India ,as well as the Full Court,have been consistently opposed to the proposal for setting up of the Benches of the Supreme Court in the South and other regions of the country. But now, Advocate-on-Record/petitioner-in-person can file cases in the Supreme Court of India through internet.